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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: K. Kianni
HIROSHI ENDO et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/080,861)
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Filed: May 18, 1998)
:
For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM) July 16, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2001 for a third month (a Petition and the requisite fee for a two-month extension having been filed on Monday, June 18, 2001) from June 18, 2001 to July 16, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$500.00, the difference between the already-paid \$390.00 extension fee and the \$890.00 fee for a third-month extension, to cover the fee for this extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of

this petition is enclosed.

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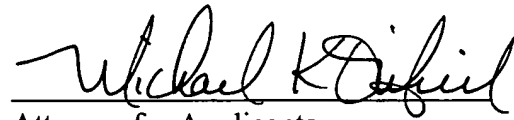
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